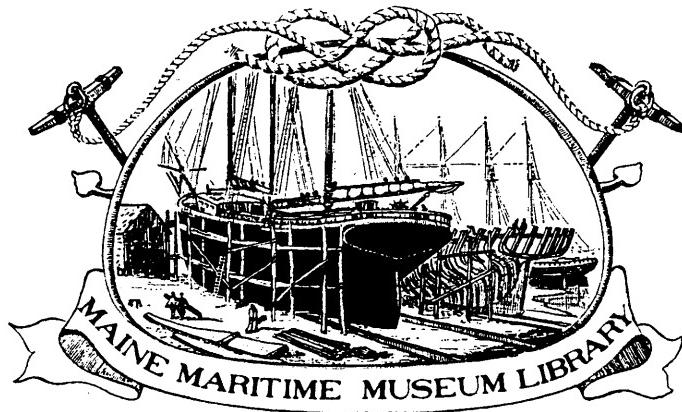


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**Inventory  
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MS-56**

**William M. Eldridge, Inc.  
Records, ca. 1930-1939**

by  
Elizabeth Singer Maule

November, 1995

Shelf feet: 2 1/2  
Number of boxes: 5

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## **Abstract**

### **William M. Eldridge, Inc.**

Records, ca.1930-1939.

5 boxes.

Naval architecture firm in New York City.

Catalogs, primarily of marine equipment, inc. engines, hardware, small boats, canvas, etc., sent to the naval architecture firm. Intended for yachts. Includes a small amount of correspondence addressed to firm, principal partner William M. Eldridge, and associate Holbrook Burnham Smith. Also includes a few sample products.

Anonymous donation, 1993.

Related catalogs available at repository.

Finding aid available in repository folder level control.

Added entries: Naval architects Advertising Catalogs Marine engines Yachts and yachting Machinery Eldridge, William M. Smith, Holbrook Burnham Holbrook Smith & Co., Inc.

## **Acquisition**

Two cartons of marine supply catalogs were left on the Museum's doorstep late in 1993 with no notes or other indications of provenance. No accession number has been assigned.

## **Restrictions**

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

## **Foreword**

The processing of this collection and the preparation of the inventory were made possible largely through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a granting arm of the United States National Archives and Records Administration. The cleaning and arrangement of this collection were done by Museum volunteer Todd Poole.

## **Background**

Because of the lack of provenance information, little can be said about the collection. William M. Eldridge was a naval architect with a practice on Madison Avenue, NYC, at least by 1930. Sometime in the next few years he took Holbrook B. Smith as an associate. Smith apparently left the firm in 1939 and went into business for himself in Red Bank, NJ. From the nature of the catalogs, it would appear that the firm was engaged primarily in yacht design. Whether the catalogs were in the possession of Eldridge or Smith after 1939 is not clear. No references to the firm have been found elsewhere.

## **Scope and Content**

### **Physical Condition**

Some of the letters and catalogs were damaged by water and subsequently by mold before their arrival at the Museum. They have been surface cleaned, and although a few pages are brittle at the bottom, they can be used. Little information has been lost.

### **Description**

The catalogs appear to be ones used by the firm in its design work, although a few may have been sent by the manufacturers on spec. Most are for marine engines, hardware and fittings intended for use on yachts. Some have letters addressed to the firm included with the catalogs and advertising materials. There are a few sample products, too. The arrangement is simply alphabetical by the name of the company.

### **Processing Notes**

Where there are two company names on a catalog, the catalog has been cited by the name of the principal company (usually the manufacturer) rather than by the name of the local supplier. These latter company names have not been traced.

## Container List

Box 1 Folder 1 Corp.)	1	A. B. Murray Co., Inc.
	2	Air Devices Corp. (subsidiary of Automatic Products
	3	Alan-Clarke Co.
	4	American Engineering Co.
	5	American Flag Co.
	6	American LaFrance and Foamite Corporation
	7	The Aresto Co.
	8	Armstrong and Galbraith Inc.
	9	Atlantic-Pacific Mfg. Corp.
	10	Atlas Press Co.
	11	Bakelite Corporation
	12	Bendix Aviation Corp.
	13	Bendix Marine Products
	14	Bolinders Co., Inc.
	15	Bowler Holmes and Heckler Co.
	16	Bronander Engineering and Research Corp.
	17	The Buda Co.
	18	Burgess Battery Co.
	19	Carrier
	20	Chapman Products
	21	The Charles Parker Co.
	22	Chas. Cory Corporation
	23	Chris-Craft Corporation (Marine Engine Div.)
	24.	Chrysler Corporation
	25	Columbian Bronze Corp.
	26	The Cooper-Bessemer Corporation
	27	Cork Insulation Co.
	28	Croft Engineering Co.
	29	Cummings Engine Co.
	30	Curtis Refrigeration Machine Co.
	31	The Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Co.
	32	De La Vergne Engine Co.

Box 2	1	The Durham Co.
	2	The Durkee Co.
	3	Dyer Dink Sales Co.
	4	Edson Mfg. Corp.
	5	Edward Smith & Co.
	6	E. H. Scott Radio Laboratories, Inc.
	7	E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co.
	8	The E. J. Willis Co.

9 Elisha Webb & Son Co.  
10 & 11 Fairbanks Morse and Co.  
12 Faultless Caster Co.  
13 Federal Mogul Corp.  
14 The Felters Co.  
15 Fulton Iron Works Co.  
16 G and F Radio Electric Co. (Exide Marine Batteries)  
17 Goodrich Cutless Bearings

Box 3      1 The Grand Central Wicker Shop, Inc.  
              2 Gray Marine Motor Co.  
              3 Greenheart & Wallaba Timber Co.  
              4 Griffin Marine Products Co.  
              5 The Gulf Oil Corporation  
              6 H. A. Bame  
              7 Hallscott Motor Car Co.  
              8 Harold J. Robson (Edison Marine Batteries)  
              9 Hyde Windlass Co.  
              10 Ideal Windlass Co.  
              11 Indiana Mahogany Co.  
              12 The International Nickel Co.  
              13 Jay Dreher Corp.  
              14 J. C. Clason  
              15 Kainer & Co.  
              16 Kelvinator  
              17 L. W. Ferdinand & Co., Inc.  
              18 Macwhyte Co.  
              19 Marine Engineering & Navigation, Inc.  
              20 Marine Speciality Co.  
              21 Machinenfabric-Augsburg-Nuernberg A. G.  
              22 Maybach Motor Co.  
              23 McIntosh & Seymour Corp.  
              24 Merriman Brothers  
              25 Metallic Coatings Corp.  
              26 Michigan Wheel Corp.  
              27 Milliken Machine Co.

Box 4      1 Mott Co. of Penna.  
              2 Murphy Diesel Co. Inc.  
              3 Murray & Tregurtha  
              4 The National Supply Co.  
              5 Neptune Marine Equipment Corp.  
              6 New York Telephone Co.  
              7 Palmer Bros. Engines Inc.

8       The Pantasole Co.  
9       Pennsylvania Aircraft Syndicate  
10      Peerless Marine Motor Corp.  
11      Perko Marine Lamp & Hardware Corp.  
12      The Portable Light Co. Inc.  
13      Power Battery Co.  
14      Redwing Motor Co.  
15      Research Corp. (air conditioning)  
16      Robert Bosch A. G. (United American Bosch Corp.)  
17      Rochester Boat Corp.  
18      Ross Gear & Tool Co.  
19      S. Appel & Co.  
20      Sargent & Co.  
21      Scripps Motor Co.  
22      Sherwin-Williams Co.  
23      Skaneateles Boats, Inc.  
24      Soundview-Delco Marine Co.  
25      South Bend Lathe Works  
26      Southview Marine Co.  
27      Speed Master Corp.  
28      The Stamford Foundry Co.

Box 5     1      Sterling Engine Co.  
          2      Stevens Walden Inc.  
          3      Sturges Battery Co.  
          4      Torrey Roller Bushing Works  
          5      T. S. & J. D. Negus  
          6      United States Motor Corp.  
          7      United States Plywood Co.  
          8      Universal Motors Co.  
          9      W. H. McMillan's Sons  
        10     Wilcox Crittenden & Co.  
        11     Youngstown Welding & Engineering Co.